

SENATE BILL 3061

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to the membership of
the wildlife resources commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) An independent and separate administrative board of conservation for game, fish and wildlife of the state is created, to be known and referred to as the wildlife resources commission and sometimes referred to as the commission in this part, to consist of thirteen (13) citizens of the state, which citizens shall be well informed on the subject of the conservation of game animals, birds and fish within the state. Nine (9) of these citizens shall be appointed by the governor, two (2) shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate, and two (2) shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each to be appointed within the period provided in this section. In making appointments to the wildlife resources commission, the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) person serving on the commission is sixty (60) years of age or older, that at least one (1) person serving on the commission is a member of a racial minority and that at least two (2) people serving on the commission are female.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) The four (4) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the speaker of the senate shall hold no geographical representation. In the original appointments of speaker-appointed members, the speaker of the house of

representatives shall appoint one (1) member to an initial term of six (6) years. The speaker of the senate shall appoint one (1) member to an initial term of two (2) years. Upon the expiration of the initial terms of office of the speaker-appointed members of the commission, their successors in office shall be appointed to serve for terms of six (6) years. Not more than one (1) member of the commission shall be appointed from any one (1) county.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(f) The terms of the new members to the commission appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the speaker of the senate pursuant to the provisions of this act shall commence on July 1, 2010, and shall expire on February 29, 2016, for the member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and on February 29, 2012, for the member appointed by the speaker of the senate. Thereafter, terms of these members shall commence on March 1.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-203, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) Seven (7) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-203, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) The governor, the commissioner of environment and conservation and the commissioner of agriculture shall serve as ex officio members of the commission.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.